

REMARKS

The July 10, 2003 Office Action indicated that the March 7, 2003 Amendment was not fully responsive with respect to addressing rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, of Claims 9 and 13 concerning “with a second connection directly or indirectly.” In response to this indication, Applicants have amended Claims 9 and 13 to delete “directly or indirect” to therefore eliminate the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being indefinite.

Claim 19 was also indicated as containing unclear limitations with respect to “said at least one other operating mode” and “this operating mode.”

In response to this portion of the rejection, Applicants have amended Claim 19 to replace “the at least one other operating mode” with “the at least one of a heat pump operating mode and a reheat operating mode” which has an antecedent basis at line 4 of Claim 19. Additionally, the term “this operating mode” has been amended to recite “said reheat operating mode” at the fourth and sixth line of the penultimate paragraph of Claim 19. The antecedent basis for this limitation is contained at the first line of the same penultimate paragraph.

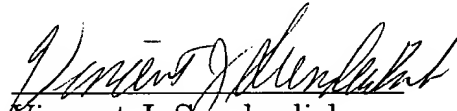
Therefore, for the reasons indicated in the March 7, 2003 Amendment and in view of the above changes to address the 35 U.S.C. § 112 items indicated in the July 10, 2003 Office Action, Applicants renew their request that reconsideration and favorable action on all of the claims be granted.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket No. 028983.49419US).

Respectfully submitted,

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